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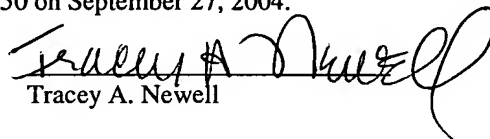
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This paper is being provided in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in two originally-executed copies of an Amendment Transmittal Letter filed herewith.

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